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## **FEDERAL INMATE CONVICTED OF FORCIBLE ASSAULT AGAINST A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 27, 2006, a federal jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, convicted **MARIO GRIMES**, age 23, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, of one count of forcible assault against a federal correction officer. Prior to trial, **GRIMES** pled guilty to seven counts of threatening to assault federal correctional officers, which had been included in the same indictment as the assault charge for which **GRIMES** was convicted by the jury. The offenses involved in both the pleas and the jury trial were committed between March 13 and November 11, 2005, while **GRIMES** was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Greenville, Illinois.

Each count carries with it a possible sentence of incarceration of not more than eight years, a fine of not more than \$250,000, and not more than three years of supervised release. Sentencing for all counts is scheduled for September 29, 2006.

The case was investigated by Special Investigations at the Federal Correctional Institution at Greenville, Illinois, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Angela Scott and Richard Lloyd.